

Alex was a proud American who truly lived the American Dream and loved the country that enabled him to live it. When World War II broke out, Alex left college to join the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served as a B-29 tail gunner. After the war, Alex returned to school and earned varsity letters in both swimming and diving at the College of the Pacific in Stockton.

In 1951, Alex started a small business selling sandwiches to migrant workers in the San Joaquin Valley. Four years after starting this business, Alex made his first million dollars and began investing his earnings in real estate and started to build apartments. In 1960, he founded A.G. Spanos Companies that, within the following two decades, became the largest apartment builder in the United States.

Always an enthusiast for sports and athletic activity, Alex fulfilled one of his lifelong goals in 1984, when he purchased the San Diego Chargers. One his most memorable moments as the owner of the Chargers was watching them defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers to play in Super Bowl XXIX in 1995.

Being equally passionate about the Chargers franchise's impact off the field, Alex created and funded community outreach programs like the Chargers Community Foundation, that continues to exist, supporting numerous critical causes, individuals in need, and organizations that benefit the Southern California community.

Alex was a creative entrepreneur, who also knew how to conduct business the right way, firmly establishing an honest and forthright reputation in both his personal and professional relationships. For many years, I had the honor and privilege of knowing Alex and his beloved wife Faye, who also passed away earlier this year. He was always the consummate gentleman, who consistently worked to give back to the country that had given him so much and I was always grateful for his counsel and friendship.

Alex Spanos was a beloved pillar of our California community and will be greatly missed, but his legacy will undoubtedly live on for many generations to come. With his passing, Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this exemplary citizen and proud patriot, who lived a life that should serve as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES FARRINGTON

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege today to honor the life of a dedicated community leader and loving husband, James Farrington, who passed away at the age of 51 after decades of service to Northern Michigan. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, James became an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

A native of Lansing, James dedicated his life to fellow Michiganders. After beginning his career with the Lansing Board of Water and Light, James spent 10 years as a journeyman lineworker at Traverse City Light and Power prior to joining Consumers Energy. He was well-known for his expertise, willingness to

mentor others, and love for his work. It takes years of study and experience to be a journeyman lineworker, and the tremendous physical stamina and knowledge necessary to do this vital work demands respect and appreciation from our community. James braved hazardous conditions and unforgiving weather to ensure that members of his community had access to reliable electricity—a matter of life and death for many in Northern Michigan. As we look for solace after this tragedy, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. James' tireless devotion to the public good has touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, James Farrington's family and community can take pride in knowing that Northern Michigan is a better place thanks to his life's work. On behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of an outstanding community leader whose contributions will continue to bless Michiganders for many years to come.

GREATER FORT WORTH ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors (GFWAR) on their 100 years of service to the Fort Worth community. With more than 3,200 realtor and affiliate members, GFWAR is a strong advocate for real estate professionals and Texas property owners.

The members of GFWAR are devoted to protecting private property rights and supporting homeownership, and their members have been among Fort Worth's most prominent citizens.

Among the leading members of GFWAR include the late Charles McMillan, former president of GFWAR, the Texas Association of Realtors (TAR) and the National Association of Realtors. Several other GFWAR members have also served as president of TAR; these include Walter Curlee, James D'Arcy, Raymond Estes, A.L. Purvis, Lester Weatherby, and William C. Jennings.

Additional prominent members of GFWAR include my friend State Representative Charlie Geren, who serves Texas House District 99, former State Representative Rob Orr, who served Texas House District 58, and Billie Heffner who was the first woman to chair the Texas Real Estate Commission. Prominent past members of GFWAR also include the Mayor of Fort Worth, Betsy Price.

Members of the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors have provided valuable professional services to Fort Worth residents for a century. On their 100th anniversary, I would like to commend all those affiliated with this notable organization and extend best wishes for continued success.

Please join me in thanking the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors for their proud history and centenary of service to Fort Worth, Texas.

HONORING ISAAH FREESTONE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Isaiah Freestone. Isaiah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 135, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Isaiah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Isaiah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Isaiah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Isaiah planted trees at Lyons Park in Kearney, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Isaiah Freestone for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF KENNETH ANTONIO "TONY" COXEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man that dedicated himself to this country and the people of Mississippi. Kenneth Antonio "Tony" Coxey, a native of Monroe County Mississippi, passed away on Monday, September 24, 2018.

Tony graduated from Smithville High School in 1994. In April of 1996, at the age of 20, he decided to join the Mississippi Army National Guard. He proudly served this country for over 20 years. In 1999, Tony joined the Amory Police Department and began his career in law enforcement. He was a devoted patrolman for the city of Amory, as well as a part-time patrolman with the Smithville Police Department.

Tony's law enforcement career was interrupted in 2004 when he received his orders to serve our nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After serving for 18 months in Fallujah, Iraq, with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tony returned home to serve as a road deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. He later transferred to the Narcotics Division and became a Lieutenant.

Tony returned to Iraq from 2009–2010 as Personal Security Detachment for Colonel William "Bill" Glasgow. In 2011, he deployed to NATO (Bosnia) as Personal Security Detachment for General Gary E. Huffman. Shortly after, Tony retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard as an SFC E-7.

After his final deployment, Tony returned home and began working for the Alabama and Gulf Coast Railway. While working, Tony was involved in a serious train accident that left him fighting for his life. With the help of God and against all odds, Tony made a remarkable recovery. He used this accident to tell his story about how God pulled him through to anyone that would listen.